

**Mail To:**  
**Animal Care Services Bureau**  
7700 E. Spring St.  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
(562) 570-PETS (7387)

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

- Proof of valid rabies vaccination (copy) must be attached to the form.
- The expiration date of the license must not exceed the expiration date of the rabies vaccination.
- If applying for an altered license, **proof of sterility (copy) MUST BE ATTACHED** unless previously verified by past license purchase. Please do not send original copies of certificates, as they will not be returned.

**Licensing Fees**

**Cities of Long Beach,  
Los Alamitos, & Signal Hill**

Unaltered: \$90.00  
Altered: \$20.00

**City of Seal Beach**

Unaltered: \$65.00  
Altered: \$12.00

**City of Cerritos**

Unaltered: \$20.00  
Altered: \$10.00

- Seniors (aged 60 or older) may qualify for a discount on licensing fees. Please call (562) 570-7387 for further information.
- License is valid for 12 months from date of issue for the Cities of Long Beach, Cerritos, Los Alamitos, and Signal Hill. In Seal Beach, license is valid from Jan 1 — Dec 31 of the licensed calendar year



# THE BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR PET



## Hours of Operation

Wednesday to Friday: 10 AM to 5:30 PM  
Saturday and Sunday: 10 AM to 4:00 PM  
We are closed on Monday, Tuesday, and  
Holidays

## EMERGENCY SERVICE

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Department of Health and  
Human Services



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## LICENSING IS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR RABIES PREVENTION. IT ALSO PROVIDES MANY ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.

### LICENSING BENEFITS TO ANIMAL OWNERS

- Animal owners receive a helpful reminder to renew their license prior to the license expiration date.
  - Animals see a veterinarian a minimum of every three years (required by re-vaccination). It is recommended that your pet visit a veterinarian every year for a routine health examination.
  - Owners who license their animals on time will save late fees and court fines for Failure To Vaccinate and License.
1. Owners are more likely to get their lost animal back if they are wearing current License tags. It is also recommended that you microchip your pet for added security.
  2. Licensed animals are held much longer at some animal shelters than unlicensed which are placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized after 5 days. Unfortunately, many owners of unlicensed animals return from a vacation to find that their animal ran away from a caretaker and were either adopted or humanely euthanized at a local animal shelter. If an animal is wearing a license tag and is microchipped, Animal Shelter staff makes every effort to see that the animal is reunited with its owner.
  3. Licensing revenue pays for emergency medical care for injured stray animals until the owner can be found. This

revenue source assures owners that their animals will be seen by a veterinarian if they are found injured.

4. If a currently vaccinated animal is exposed to a rabies positive animal, it may be quarantined. Conversely, if an animal's vaccination has expired or is not valid, it may be destroyed. Animal Control agencies are forced to destroy hundreds of animals each year because owners failed to claim their unlicensed animals



### BENEFITS TO PUBLIC HEALTH

1. There were 168 and 179 positive specimens submitted for rabies testing to California Public Health Laboratories in 2007 and 2008 respectively. Rabies is a current threat to human and animal health. Licensing lowers the overall cost and health risk by making certain that animals are vaccinated and can be identified.  
  
A single rabies incident resulting from an animal whose vaccination had expired cost you, the taxpayer, thousands of dollars. This money could have been saved and used elsewhere if the vaccination had been current.
2. Non-animal owners end up paying for related health enforcement through

general taxes. Owners should help pay their fair share through licensing, thereby lowering escalating costs to non-animal owners.

3. Fewer people will have to go through the POST rabies series after being exposed to rabies by an unvaccinated animal. The average cost for the POST rabies series is over \$282 per dose or \$1692 for the full series (6 doses).

The Long Beach City Health Officer is the appointed authority on rabies. The Health Officer is in charge of rabies prevention programs such as licensing and rabies data reporting through the Animal Care Services Bureau.

Exposures to rabies most frequently occur when people are bitten by an animal and the skin is broken. If you think you may have been exposed to rabies, contact the Animal Care Services Bureau immediately.

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